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Applicant: Timothy R. Ryan et al. Examiner: William H. Matthews
Serial No.: 09/982,299 Group Art Unit: 3738
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Title: ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND METHOD

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114:

Previously submitted

Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

Other _____

Enclosed

Amendment/Reply (11 pg).

IDS and PTO Form-1449

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Other _____

Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(l) required)

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Fees: (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed).

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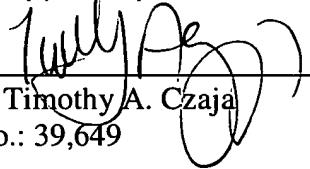
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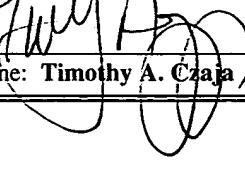
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

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